



### Free Entitlement Policy

As an accredited childminder, who has undertaken many years of training, I am able to offer quality childcare for the children in my care. All 3 and 4 year olds attending can claim Nursery Education Funding. They are entitled to up to 15 hours of free childcare per week (subject to a maximum of 570 hours per year, (usually coinciding with school term time of 38 weeks of the year). Free entitlement provision begins in the term after a child's third birthday. The free hours can be taken over 2 or 3 days, between 7 am and 7 pm. These hours can be split between us and another pre-school setting if you wish.

When your child is approaching their 3rd birthday we will ask you whether you wish to use your free entitlement at this setting. If so, we will then discuss your requirements and help you with the relevant paperwork required by West Sussex County Council. When you have received your free entitlement we will agree the hours and days you wish to use them.

In addition to this I am able to offer free early education to eligible 2 year olds,

If your child attends the setting for more hours than the free entitlement, an additional charge of £4 per hour will be made.

One month's notice in writing is required, should the space longer be required.